

1CHRONICLES 18: 1 After this, David struck the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

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David smites the Philistines, and takes Gath, 1Chr 18:1. Reduces the Moabites, 1Chr 18:2. Vanquishes Hadarezer, king of Zobah, 1Chr 18:3, 1Chr 18:4. Overcomes the Syrians of Damascus, and takes several of their cities, 1Chr 18:5-8. Tou, king of Hamath, congratulates him on his victory, and sends him vessels of silver, gold, and brass, 1Chr 18:9, 1Chr 18:10. Those and the different spoils he had taken from the conquered nations, he dedicates to God, 1Chr 18:11. Abishai defeats the Edomites, 1Chr 18:12, 1Chr 18:13. David reigns over all Israel, 1Chr 18:14. His officers, 1Chr 18:15-17.

Verse 1

David - took Gath and her towns - See the comparison between this chapter and 2Sam 8:1 (note), etc., in the notes on the latter.

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1CHRONICLES 18: 2 He struck Moab; and the Moabites became servants to David, and brought tribute.

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Verse 2

Brought gifts - Were laid under tribute.

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1CHRONICLES 18: 3 David struck Hadadezer king of Zobah to Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

1CHRONICLES 18: 4 David took from him one thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for one hundred chariots.

1CHRONICLES 18: 5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck of the Syrians twenty-two thousand men.

1CHRONICLES 18: 6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought tribute. The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.

1CHRONICLES 18: 7 David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

1CHRONICLES 18: 8 From Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much brass, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

1CHRONICLES 18: 9 When Tou king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

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Verse 9

Tou king of Hamath - Called Toi in 2Sam 8:9.

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1CHRONICLES 18: 10 he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to Greet him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him; (for Hadadezer had wars with Tou;) and he had with him all kinds of vessels of gold and silver and brass.

1CHRONICLES 18: 11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

1CHRONICLES 18: 12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah struck of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand.

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Verse 12

Abishai - slew of the Edomites - This victory is attributed to David, 2Sam 8:13. He sent Abishai against them, and he defeated them: this is with great propriety attributed to David as commander-in-chief; qui facit per alterum, facit per se.

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1CHRONICLES 18: 13 He put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.

1CHRONICLES 18: 14 David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice and righteousness to all his people.

1CHRONICLES 18: 15 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

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Verse 15

Joab - was over the host - General-in-chief.

Jehoshaphat - recorder - The king's remembrancer, or historiographer royal.

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1CHRONICLES 18: 16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shavsha was scribe;

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Verse 16

Zadok - and Abimelech - priests - Both high priests; one at Gibeon, and the other at Jerusalem, as we have seen 1Chr 16:39.

Shavsha was scribe - Called Seraiah, 2Sam 8:17.

1CHRONICLES 18: 17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

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Verse 17

Cherethites and the Pelethites - See the note on 2Sam 8:18.

The Targum says, "Benaiah was over the great Sanhedrin and the small Sanhedrin, and consulted Urim and Thummim. And at his command the archers and slingers went to battle."

The sons of David - These were the highest in authority.